

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Friday, November 22, 1963 at approximately 12:25 pm my partner, L. D. Montgomery, and myself stopped at Dales Cafe at Lemmon and McKinney to eat lunch. I went in and sat down at a table. My partner went to the phone to let our office know where we were. Approximately three minutes later he came back and said that Lt. Wells had told him the President had been shot and for us to come back to the office. We left the cafe immediately and returned to the office. As soon as we arrived at the office, Lt. Wells told us to go to Elm and Houston, the location of the shooting. We left the office and drove to Elm and Houston, arriving there at about 12:50 pm. We went immediately to the 6th floor of the Texas Book Depository Building and reported to Captain Will Fritz. Captain Fritz designated my partner and me to take charge of the scene where the assassin had done the shooting, to assist the crime lab and gether whatever evidence was available.

The window that the shot was fired from was open and we could hear the police radio from below. At approximately 1:20 I heard a call come out reporting a shooting at 10th and Patton Streets involving a police officer. We were not relieved of our assignment and did not answer this call. We remained where we were and continued to help Lt. Day and Det. Studebaker of the crime lab.

During the course of our search we found a brown paper bag which had been used for a lunch sack; a Dr. Pepper bottle and a long sack made from heavy wrapping paper. We suspected the long bag had been used to conceal the rifle that had been used in the shooting.

At approximately 2:30 pm we left the Book Depository and transported the above mentioned items to the crime lab located at city hall. We then returned to our office, arriving at the office at approximately 3:00 pm.

I remained in the office from 3:00 pm, November 22, 1963 until 2:00 am on November 23, 1963. At 2:00 am I was dismissed from duty to go home by Captain Witztum. While in the office from 3:00 pm until 2:00 am I answered the phone and took an affidavit from Patrolman M. L. Baker. Patrolman Baker stated in his affidavit that he was riding escort on his motorcycle for the President's motorcade; that he heard the shots that killed the President and wounded Governor Connally; that he decided the shots were coming from the Texas Book Depository Building. After determining the origin of the shots, he jumped from his motor and ran into the building. He found a man that said he was the building manager. Officer Baker and the building manager then went to a stairway and started up the stairs to search the building. On about the 4th floor Officer Baker apprehended a man that was walking away from the stairway on that floor. Officer Baker started to search the man, but the building manager stated that the man was an employee of the company and was known to him. Officer Baker released the man and continued his search of the building. Officer Baker later identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the man he had seen on the 4th floor of the Texas Book Depository.

At 2:00 am I left city hall and went to my home. I returned to duty at 8:00 am Saturday, November 23, 1963. I remained in the office until approximately 12:30 pm. At this time my partner, L. D. Montgomery, and I were told by Lt. Wells to go to 610 S. Akard Street and pick up a cab driver by the name of Bill Whaley. He said this man had hauled Lee Harvey Oswald in his cab on Friday. We went to 610 S. Akard and picked up Whaley and returned with him to City Hall. We got back to City Hall at approximately 1:30 pm. I remained in the office from then until 9:30 pm. At this time Lt. Wells relieved me and I could go home. I arrived at my home at about 10:15 pm. At 10:30 pm I received a call from Lt. Bohart. Lt. Bohart stated that Sunday was my day off, and I could go ahead and take off,

that I would not have to report for duty Sunday. I was off Sunday and Monday. I returned to duty Tuesday November 26, 1963 at 8:00 am.

When Patrolman M. L. Baker identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the man that he stopped in the Texas School Book Depository Building, Patrolman Baker was in the Homicide Bureau giving an affidavit and Oswald was brought into the room to talk to some Secret Service men. When Baker saw Oswald he stated, "That is the man I stopped on the 4th floor of the School Book Depository."